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1. LEGALIZATION SITREP. AS OF LATE YESTERDAY, 13 PARTIES REPORTEDLY HAD APPLIED FOR LEGALIZATION UNDER THE NEW "SOFT WINDOW" PROCEDURE (MADRID 1100) THEY ARE THE LIBERAL PDP AND PL SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PSD. SOCIALIST PSOE, PSOE "HISTORICAL FACTION, AND PSPS, COMMUNISTS PCE, FAR LEFT ORT AND LCR, ANDALUSIAN PSA AND MSA. AND TWO MINI GROUPS. SOME 20 PARTIES ARE ALREADY LEGAL. HAVING MADE SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION UNDER THE OLD "HARD WINDOW"). THESE LATTER PARTIES ARE ALL OF THE CENTER AND RIGHT INCLUDING PARTIDO POPULAR AND MOST OF THE CONSTITUENT GROUPS OF FRAGA'S ALIANZA POPULAR.

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2. THE PSOE'S "HISTORICAL" FACTION, THE FIRST GROUP TO FILE UNDER THE NEW PROCEDURE WAS FORCED TO REAPPLY BECAUSE OF SOME APPARENT DOCUMENTARY IRREGULARITY. THIS GIVES FELIP GONZALEZ PSOE A DECIDED ADVANTAGE IN ANY COMPETITION FOR LEGAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE PARTY LABEL. THE PSOE "HISTORICALS" ALLEGE A SO CALLED "PACT OF MONCLOA" BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ AND

THE PSOE'S GONZALEZ.

3. SUAREZ MEETS AGAIN WITH OPPOSITION. AFTER MEETING YESTERDAY MORNING WITH LICINIO DE LA FUENTE OF THE ALIANZA POPULAR PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ LAST NIGHT RECEIVED A DELEGATION OF 6 MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITION'S COMMITTEE OF TEN" TO CLOSE OUT THE TOP LEVEL DISCUSSIONS ON THE ELECTORAL LAW. AFTER THE SESSION, DELEGATION SPOKESMAN FERNANDEZ ORDONEZ (SOCIAL DEMOCRAT) TOLD THE PRESS THAT THERE WOULD "SOON BE A ELECTORAL LAW", BUT HE DID NOT INDICATE WHAT, IF ANY, AGREEMENTS WERE REACHED. CATALANS PUJOL AND CANELLAS STAYED BEHIND AFTERWARD TO DISCUSS WITH SUAREZ PURELY REGIONAL ISSUES. (THE REMAINING 3 MEMBERS OF THE GROUP WERE SOCIALIST GONZALEZ AND MORODOD AND GALICIAN REPRESENTATIVE PAZ ANDRADE).

5. PSOE FEDERAL COMMITTEE MEETS. THE 93 MEMBER COMMITTEE, IN A LENGTHY WEEKEND SESSION, RATIFIED THE LEADERSHIP'S APPLICATION FOR LEGALIZATION, REAFFIRMING THE PARTY'S CALL FOR SOCIALIST UNITY. BUT UNDER THE PSOE LABEL, AND ELECTED LONG TIME ASTURIAN MILITANT RAFAEL FERNANDEZ TO FILL THE VACANCY LEFT BY MIGUEL BOYERS RESIGNATION FROM THE 19 MEMBER EXECUTIVE

COMMITTEE. IN A POST MEETING PRESS CONFERENCE, PSOE SECRETARY GONZALEZ FLATLY REJECTED PSP PRESIDENT TIerno GALVAN'S CALL FOR A SOCIALIST ELECTORAL ALLIANCE UNDER A GENERIC LABEL AND ANNOUNCED THAT, AS THE FIRST STEP TOWARD MERGER. THE PSOE'S CATALAN FEDERATION WOULD ALLY WITH JOAN RAVENTOS' CATALAN SOCIALIST PARTY (PSC-C) IN THE ELECTIONS, RUNNING A CATALAN SLATE UNDER THE PSC PSOE LABEL.

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6. GONZALEZ REPORTEDLY BLASTS CARRILLO. IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED RECENTLY BY MADRID DAILY ABC, AS PART OF ITS "100 SPANIARD FOR DEMOCRACY" SERIES, GONZALEZ IS QUOTED AS LABELING CARRILLO A PLLO A PRE CIVIL WAR SOCIALIST YOUTH LEADER, AS A "TRAITOR TO SOCIALISM" GONZALEZ REPORTEDLY ADDED THAT THE PSOE WAS "FARTHER FROM OPPOSITION TO THE FORMATION OF ANY POPULAR FRONT AND HIS ASSERTAION THAT THE LITMUS TEST OF EUROCOMMUNISM'S PROFESSED COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRACY WOULD BE IN ITS OWN INTERNAL DEMOCRATIZATION. STABLER

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